

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate
Pasay City

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RESOLUTION No. 136

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING
FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
FOR HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AND
INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jose Claveria de Venecia Jr., who hails from Dagupan City, served as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines for five terms from 1992 to 1998 and 2001 to 2008, which is unprecedented in post-war Philippine Congress;

WHEREAS, also known as JDV, the former House Speaker was the architect of the "Rainbow Coalition" in the House of Representatives, which helped unite the country during the turbulent post-Martial Law years and paved the way for the smooth passage of more than 200 economic, political, and social reform laws during the Ramos administration;

WHEREAS, he co-founded the Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (Lakas-CMD), which became the ruling party for some 15 years, and served alternately as its Secretary General, President, Chairman, and Chairman Emeritus;

WHEREAS, as a prolific lawmaker, he championed landmark legislation such as the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Law, the Military Bases Conversion Law, and the law creating the Central Bank of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, he began his career as a journalist, becoming Manila Bureau chief and Philippine correspondent for Pan-Asia Newspaper Alliance. He also co-founded the Radio Philippines Network in the 1960s;

WHEREAS, he also took on diplomatic duties as Minister and Economic and Press Counselor of the Philippine Embassy in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam during the Vietnam War, and briefly as Ambassador-at-Large under President Corazon Aquino's administration;

WHEREAS, in 1967, he conceived the Dollar Remittance Program for overseas Filipino workers, which now raises more than \$30 billion a year for the Philippines;

WHEREAS, a tireless peacemaker, he mediated with Muslim secessionists, rightist military officers, and Communist insurgents, leading to peace agreements and amnesty programs. He also initiated the Interfaith Dialogue in the United Nations as a way of helping resolve politico-religious conflicts around the world;

WHEREAS, he likewise played a significant role in combating climate change and environmental degradation when he served as Co-Chairman of the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization (IESCO);

WHEREAS, he has received numerous decorations and honors, including the French Legion of Honor, high decorations from several foreign governments, and honorary doctorates from universities at home and abroad;

WHEREAS, he has addressed the U.N. General Assembly, the U.N. Security Council, the Council of Europe, and various national parliaments around the world;

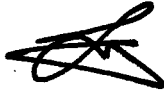
WHEREAS, he has been a relentless advocate for Asian integration, proposing initiatives such as an Asian Parliament, an Asian Monetary Fund, and an Asian Anti-Poverty Fund;

WHEREAS, he founded and chaired several international organizations, including the International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) which is composed of 350 political parties in 52 countries in Asia; the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) representing members of parliament from various continents; the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) which is now composed of 43 parliaments in Asia; the Centrist Asia Pacific Democrats International (CAPDI); and the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC), which assists governments and organizations in peace-building and conflict resolution in Asia and other areas;

WHEREAS, JDV dedicated his life to public service, peace-building, and promotion of international cooperation, inspiring leaders and future generations to pursue excellence in governance and diplomacy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend and honor Former House Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. for his illustrious career and invaluable contributions to the country.

Adopted,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO

President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 8, 2024.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

Secretary of the Senate